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**Rockford Orthopedic Associates CIO attains Certified Professional in
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Designation**

ROCKFORD, IL May 2, 2011 ... **Todd Schnack**, Chief Information Officer for Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. passed examination and has qualified for Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CPHIMS). Attaining CPHIMS certification elevates Schnack to an elite group demonstrating a documented level of job-related knowledge, skills and abilities.

As CIO, Todd Schnack has oversight for the practice's IT and electronic medical records (EMR) systems, as well as expansive outcomes data collection and reporting systems, the industry-leading initiative launched by Rockford Orthopedic in 2009 focused on the improvement of healthcare quality. Prior to joining Rockford Orthopedic, Schnack served as a senior manager at Accenture, a global technology consulting company, where he specialized in designing and implementing large-scale data/information analysis solutions for clients such as Pfizer, Best Buy, and E*Trade.

CPHIMS is offered through HIMSS, a caused-based, not-for-profit organization exclusively focused on providing leadership for the optimal use of information technology and management systems for the betterment of healthcare. Representing more than 35,000 members, HIMSS has offices throughout the world and leads public healthcare practices and public policy through its content expertise, professional development, and research initiatives focused on improving the quality, safety, access, and cost effectiveness of patient care through information and management systems.

Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd. serves the Northern Illinois region in multi-specialty orthopedics and offers a full range of orthopedic care including the specialties of podiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and rheumatology. Rockford Orthopedic offers the ancillary services of rehabilitation, MRI, custom prosthetics and orthotics, workers compensation and an out patient surgery center. #